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FOR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

FOLL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM ASUNCION 03 JUL 73 REPEATED TO YOU  
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FOR ARA/ HURWITCH, S/ NM- HANDLEY, PLEASE PASS DEA,  
ATTENTION IA AND ENC, WHITE HOUSE/ MINNICK FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: SNAR, PA

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF PARAGUAYAN POLICE ARREST OF  
NARCOTICS INFORMANT

REF: ASUNCION 2474

1. WE HAVE BEEN CATEGORICALLY ASSURED BY BESTARD,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, SPEAKING ON  
BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAYA, THAT GOP INTENDS  
CONTINUE FULLEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH USG IN  
NARCOTICS.

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2. DR. BESTARD SAYS US NARCOTICS AGENTS ARE TO CONTINUE  
TO USE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS. NEW PARAGUAYAN NARCOTICS  
UNIT NEEDS CONTINUING USG ASSISTANCE AND USE OF INFORMANTS  
IMPORTANT.

3. DR. BESTARD FLATLY DENIED THAT GOP HAD THREATENED INFORMANTS AGAINST WORKING WITH US AGENTS. ONLY CASE OF ARREST AND INTERROGATION WAS INFORMANT ACCUSED BY PASTOR CORONEL OF HAVING FABRICATED STORY OF PASTOR CORONEL' S INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFIC ( REFTEL). INFORMANT CHARGED WITH HAVING PLOTTED WITH POLICE OFFICER, IBARROLA.

4. ACCORDING TO BESTARD, MINISTER OF INTERIOR KEPT PRESIDENT STROESSNER FULLY INFORMED OF PASTOR CORONEL' S ARRESTING AND INTERROGATING INFORMANT. PRESIDENT, SENSITIVE TO POSSIBLE EMBASSY MISUNDERSTANDING OF GOP INTENTIONS, FIRST OF ALL REFUSED APPROVE ARREST OF POLICE CAPTAIN IBARROLA ( KEY NATIONAL CAPITAL POLICE WITNESS IN RICORD TRIAL, WHOSE TRAVEL TO US WAS APPROVED BY STROESSNER ONLY AFTER MY STRONG INTERVENTION). PRESIDENT THEN ON JUNE 29 DIRECTED PASTOR CORONEL TO TERMINATE HIS EFFORTS AT CLEARING HIS NAME ( OF THE READER' S DIGEST CHARGES).

5. COMMENT: HOPEFULLY THIS WORRISOME INCIDENT WILL HAVE NO FURTHER REPERCUSSIONS ON OPERATIONS OF US NARCOTICS AGENTS. WE ARE TAKING GOP ASSURANCES AT FACE VALUE AND AGENTS ARE RESUMING OPERATIONS WITH INFORMANTS, WHICH WILL BE QUICK TEST OF BESTARD' S PROMISES.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES FOR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR.  
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